

*Proceedings of the Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
(Revenue),—dated 1st September 1887.*

No. 3766-95—101, DATED BANGALORE, 1ST SEPTEMBER 1887.

ORDER.—Under the authority of Rule XVII of the Survey Guarantee as revised by Notification No. 341, dated 11th February 1875, a levy of 1-17th of the Survey valuation of all wet lands in Inam villages is made under the designation of "Equivalent of the Irrigation Cess." This levy has been the subject of complaint generally on the part of Inamdars who urge that it is unjust inasmuch as the lands in question derive no benefit from any Government source of irrigation. His Highness' Government are of opinion that this complaint is well founded in the case of such Inamdars of whole villages as hold inam wet lands irrigated exclusively from Inam tanks. The Government accordingly sanction the abolition of this levy. But in sanctioning this measure, the Government desire to impress upon all Inamdars who benefit by it that their responsibility for the execution of timely repairs to their tanks and for the maintenance of them always in proper condition will be strictly enforced. If they fail in this duty, the necessary work will be executed by Government and the cost recovered from the Inamdars as a revenue demand.

2. In accordance with the above orders, the following Sections will be substituted for Sections XVII and XVIII of the Survey Guarantee :—

XVII. The Irrigation Cess will similarly merge in the future Survey valuation of all wet lands held in inam, whether in Government villages or in whole inam villages and 1-17th of such valuation will be collected similarly to a Jodi, but under the designation of "Equivalent of the Irrigation Cess," separately from, and in addition to, the quit-rent leviable on such lands or villages and be carried to the account of the "District Irrigation Fund." But such wet lands in whole inam villages as may derive their irrigation exclusively from a tank or other source of irrigation situated wholly within such villages shall not be liable to pay any Irrigation Cess or the equivalent thereof to the Government.

Provided that, for the purpose of fixing the amount of Irrigation Cess, the Survey Department shall ascertain and record the assessment of such wet lands in inam villages as may be irrigated by a Government irrigation work. And provided further that the Survey valuation of all inam or other wet lands shall include any separate water rate which may be imposed thereupon.

XVIII. Kayamgutta villages and Inam villages (Sarvamanyam or Jodi) shall pay Local Fund Cess at the rate of one anna in the rupee, the former at the fixed Kayamgutta rent and the latter on the recorded value of the inam.

3. Similarly Rule VI of the rules for the guidance of District Committees in the administration of the District Irrigation Cess Fund, published with the late Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 62, dated 7th May 1875, will be amended as follows :—

VL Holders of Inam and Kayamgutta villages being relieved of the obligation to pay Irrigation Cess in respect of wet lands irrigated exclusively from their village tanks, their responsibility for the execution of timely repairs to such tanks and for maintaining them always in a proper condition will be strictly enforced. If they fail to maintain their tanks in a proper condition or to execute the needful repairs in due time or with reasonable despatch and efficiency, it will be competent to the Government to take the work in hand and carry it out, the outlay being recovered from them as a revenue demand.

4. These amendments will be published in the Gazette for general information.

5. The orders conveyed in Proceedings No. 7416—225, dated 17th December 1881, for holding in abeyance the Irrigation Cess levied from wet lands in Inam villages are hereby withdrawn. The amount shown in the accounts as due on account of wet inam lands which do not derive irrigation from Government works should be written off under the rules now sanctioned, the amounts thus written off being duly reported to this office. Early measures should be adopted for the recovery of the arrears under this head in other cases.

6. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to decide in communication with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, what inam wet lands must be exempted for the levy of the Irrigation Cess or its equivalent under Section XVII of the Survey Guarantee revised as above.

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